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The proposed settlement is a bad idea -- it is not in the public interest.
There are numerous problems with it.

The problem I wish to emphasize is that it does not adequately allow developers using competitive operating systems (for example, Linux) to provide mechanisms so that duly-licensed copies of Microsoft applications can be made to run on the competitive operating systems. This helps continue Microsoft's monopoly on operating systems (and, in turn applications).

Thank you for your consideration.

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